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Dear Pork People:

While recovering from an over indulgence in country ham and other holiday goodies we'll get together with another Newsletter. Santa Claus was real good to the Butlers', and we hope he remembered you and yours with that one special present you wanted most.

The Person County Swine Association met on Monday night December 13th, and your secretary was privileged to speak to this group about Pork Production as it applies to the Person County Area. I believe that this group was the youngest in average age that I have visited with, since returning to North Carolina. This indicates that we have a good group of younger farmers who are making agriculture their career. I don't know of any thing that is more encouraging than this. I had to leave before the business meeting and Kenneth Patterson, Associate Agricultural Extension Agent was kind enough to send me the following slate of officers, elected by this Association for 1966. They are: Chairman, Robert Gentry of Route #1, Timberlake; Vice Chairman, John Foushee, Route #3, Roxboro and Secretary-treasurer; James Hilton Wood of Route #1, Virgilina, Virginia. The major emphasis in Pork Production for this area is Feeder Pigs, and some of the fellows in this group have done a most outstanding job of Feeder Pig Production. We were happy to have an opportunity to visit with this group and wish them every success in 1966.

Vice-President Charles Quinerly and your secretary took-off early Tuesday Morning, December 14th for a trip to Davenport, Iowa and The Annual Meeting of The National Pork Council. Charles was elected to a three year term as a director of The National Pork Council, which is an organization of leading Pork People throughout the country representing the Pork Industry on a national scale. This is the first time that North Carolina has had a member on The Board of Directors of this Council, and we are very pleased at this opportunity to more actively participate in the council. I believe that everyone engaged in The Council Meeting this year agreed that it was superior to those held in the past, and we found a greater spirit of cooperation between the Council and other national organizations working for and with The Swine Industry of the country.

We Were Awarded Second Place In The Nation for our entry in The State Association Program Contest for 1965. This contest is held every year among those states that are members of the Council, and we are very proud to be in second place for 1965, and are making plans now to be first in 1966. The judges were very complimentary and The Executive Secretary of the Council requested that he be allowed to keep our program, to show certain parts of it to groups in other states.

A Visit To The Roy Keppy Farm just outside Davenport, was one of the real highlights of the trip for Charles and myself. Roy has done the impossible by having the Grand Champion Single and Grand Champion Truckload of Barrows at both the National Barrow Show in Austin, Minnesota, and the International in Chicago, and more recently The Grand Champion Barrow at The Big Show in Waterloo, Iowa. Roy and his wife and children live on a farm about ten miles from Davenport, where they produce corn, beans, hogs, and cattle. They are farm people making a living from the land, educating their children, and producing some of the best commercial hogs ever put together in the country. Roy doesn't have a lot of fancy equipment, but he does have a practical set-up that he and Leon Frick can use to produce hogs, with the minimum of labor. In fact one of the things that strikes you first on visiting the farm is that Roy doesn't use gadgets or gimmicks, but just a plain, practical set-up including some converted buildings to produce these hogs. Well, how does he do it?

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He does it, through careful observation, and the application of sound production practices. His operation demonstrates that to be really successful with livestock a man must apply good management to the best seed stock available, and work with it everyday to constantly improve what he had yesterday.

THE NORTH CAROLINA PORK PRODUCERS CONFERENCE PROGRAM FOR 1966 WILL GET UNDERWAY AT 8 A. M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 6th, AT THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY CLUB IN RALEIGH. If you will refer to your last Newsletter, I am sure you will agree that we have a particularly outstanding program on "Herd Health" for our conference this year. We also have included other features, such as elimination of the traffic and parking problem we have had on the campus in the past. Dr. Robinson and his committee have put together this program, which provides us with a meeting-place, interesting, and informative discussions on subjects of interest to Hog Producers, and now all we need for a successful program is an audience. You are the only person who can help us with this, and we hope you will be on hand to hear these important subjects discussed, by men who know what they are talking about.

The New Year brings us around to a season of meetings, sales, and educational events concerning Our Industry that we are sure many of you would like to attend. Below you will see sale dates and other dates of interest to you as Pork Producers. We would like to take this opportunity to call your attention to these dates and invite your attendance, because the first of the year is the best time in the year to start the year right with more knowledge of Pork Production and a better set of boars and gilts to start the years' production program. We believe that the dates below are of great importance to you, because here you can gain knowledge, or secure superior seed stock, to make your 1966 more successful.

WE WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH TO EACH OF YOU A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS, SUCCESSFUL, 1966.

Important Dates

Jan. 3	Feeder Pig Sale	Lancaster's Stockyard, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Jan. 5	Feeder Pig Sale	Livestock Arena, Dunn, N. C.
Jan. 6-7	Pork Producers - Conference	N. C. S. U. - Faculty Club, Raleigh, N. C.
Jan. 10-11	Hampshire Breeders - Winter Conference	Livestock Arena, Kinston, N. C.
Jan. 10-11	Southeastern Duroc - Congress	Live Oak, Florida
Jan. 13	Feeder Pig Sale	Central Carolina Farmer's Livestock Market Hillsboro, N. C.
Jan. 19	Feeder Pig Sale	Fairgrounds, Fayetteville, N. C.
Jan. 19-20	Farm Materials - Handling Exposition	Reynolds Coliseum N. C. S. U., Raleigh, N. C.
Jan. 24	M. J. Pate, Hampshire - & Yorkshire Sale	Route #1, Staley, N. C.
Jan. 26	Outlaw Brothers - Hampshire Sale	Livestock Arena, Kinston, N. C.
Jan. 26	Feeder Pig Sale	Livestock Arena, Greensboro, N. C.
Jan. 27	N. C. Duroc Breeders - Show and Sale	Lancaster's Stockyard, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Jan. 27	N. C. Spotted Swine - Breeders Show & Sale	Livestock Arena, Mufreesboro, N. C.
Jan. 31	W. F. Barber, Bred - Gilt Sale	Livestock Arena, Smithfield, N. C.
Feb. 1	N. C. Yorkshire Breeders Show and Sale	Livestock Arena, Clinton, N. C.
Feb. 1	Gregory & Blizzard Spotted Swine Sale	Lancaster's Stockyard, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Feb. 1	C. C. Chappell, Duroc Sale	Belvidere, N. C.
Feb. 2	Joe Stott & Jack Liles Yorkshire Sale	Lancaster's Stockyard, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Feb. 3	N.C. Hampshire Breeders Show & Sale	Lancaster's Stockyard, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Feb. 8	Robert E. Cox, Poland China Sale	Fairgrounds, Greenville, N. C.
Feb. 21-23	N. C. Barrow Show	Livestock Arena, Smithfield, N. C.
Feb. 24	W. F. Barber, Duroc Sale	Lancaster's Stockyard, Rocky Mount, N. C.

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Jim Butler
Executive Secretary